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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Intelligence Information Handling System

I am informed that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, after giving consideration to your memorandum to me dated October 22, 1968 on the above subject, asked the Board's Chairman, Maxwell D. Taylor and Board member William C. Baker, to obtain further information on matters covered in the report. For this purpose, they interviewed General Robert Taylor of your staff, and discussed with him the activities taking place to carry out the President's desires for a community-wide intelligence handling system. They expressed their particular concern over the absence in the report of October 22 of a coherent plan of implementation under the direction of a single manager.

It is my understanding that General Robert Taylor was able to amplify some of these points to their satisfaction but that they find that many serious obstacles remain to be overcome. Because of the importance of the matter, I have asked the Board to keep currently informed of progress in this project during this interim period prior to the submission of your next status report.

W. W. Rostow

cc: Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

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